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METHOD OF MANAGING REQUESTS

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

Docket No. AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER 28594/39468 Filing Date Art Unit Application No. Examiner June 27, 2003 3627 10/608,711-Conf. #6940 Not Yet Assigned Applicant(s): Alvin J. Borthwick Invention: SYSTEM FOR MANAGING REQUESTS AND METHOD OF MANAGING REQUESTS TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED** Claims Highest Number Number Remaining Previously **Extra Claims** After <u>Ame</u>ndment Paid Present Rate **Total Claims** 46 0.00 46 X Independent 0 0.00 3 3 Х Claims Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) Other fee (please specify): TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT: 0.00 x Small Entity Large Entity x No additional fee is required for this amendment. Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. X The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. x Credit any overpayment. Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17. Dated: November 2, 2004 Attorney Reg. No.: 46,229 MARSHALL, GERSTEIN & BORUN LLP

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